

April 12, 2020
Easter Sunday



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AMC
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710 East Park Street // Arthur, Illinois 61911 // 217-543-2781

>Welcome!

First-time Guests

- We are glad you are here!
- Need more info about AMC? Speak with a member of the ministry team or visit our website.
- Nursery is available for children 5 and under.
- Buddy bags for older children are in the foyer.
- Large print hymnals are available.

WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Prelude singing begins at 10:20 a.m.

CHRISTIAN EDU 9:30 A.M.

ADULTS

<i>Justice & The Prophets</i>	Fell. Hall
<i>Bible Book Study: Romans</i>	Room 1
<i>Stories of the Bible</i>	Room 5

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH (GRADES 9-12)

The Screwtape Letters ~ Youth House

JR HIGH YOUTH (GRADES 6-8)

Shine On ~ Youth House

PRIMARY KIDS (AGE 2—GRADE 5)

Shine On ~ West Basement

AMC'S VISION

Arthur Mennonite Church will be a courageous people guided by God to rely on Christian practices and to deepen our intergenerational relationships.

We will use a spectrum of spiritual gifts and embrace our welcoming atmosphere to show God's love through our actions and fearlessly share his gospel with words.

**Grow Like Mary,
Serve Like Martha**

CONNECT



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MINISTRY TEAM

Glen Rhodes (Team Leader)

Administration, Worship & Community Life

Lamar Miller: *Outreach*

Jeff Marner: *Discipling & Youth*



Welcome Visitors! Are you interested in learning more about AMC?

We would like to get to know you as well. Please fill this out, tear it off, and put in the offering plate this morning as it is passed.

This can also be used for weekly prayer requests and answered prayer.

Name _____

I would like more info. about:

Address: _____

Adult/Child ministries _____

Phone: _____

Small Groups _____

Email: _____

Bible Studies _____

Ages of Children: _____

Service Opportunities _____

Prayer Request/Answered Prayer _____

DISCIPLING

AMC Primary Sunday School Online again this Sunday

Primary Coordinator Rhonda Rhodes is having a Zoom meeting with all the children and teachers of the primary department this Sunday at 9:30 am. Call or text Rhonda if you do not get an invite.

LMC Cancels Celebration of Church Life

LMC: A Fellowship of Anabaptist Churches has cancelled the Leadership Assembly and Celebration of Church Life, scheduled for April 3-4, at Petra Church because of the CDC guidelines for COVID-19. The addresses by Glenn Kauffman, the State of LMC by Keith Weaver, and the Youth Address by Keith Nyce are recorded and links are supplied on the LMC Website and Facebook page. Please continue to pray for God's grace and peace in this time of uncertainty! - L. Keith Weaver, LMC Moderator



CHURCH CALENDAR

Cancellations and Other information

The AMC Ministry Team and others will continue to monitor the ongoing situation with the Covid-19 virus on a weekly basis. All church gatherings are cancelled for this weekend and through this next week. We will make a decision on following weeks and communicate that to everyone by Wednesday of each week. If you have any questions please call the church office.



For those who have access to the internet and social media, we will be streaming a service on Facebook Live and Instagram at 10:30 am Sunday morning. These videos will also be posted to our website following the livestream. While it may be a bit different from week to week it will at least provide us a way to worship and direct our prayers and attention to God during this time.

During this unprecedented time let's stay in touch with each other via phone calls, emails, live video meetings, etc. Do not give in to worry and panic, but instead find ways to connect with the Lord and each other. God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in times of trouble. God Bless you all!

COMMUNITY LIFE

AMC Call Team

A group of AMCs are calling on all those in the church directory during this time of not meeting together. If you need anything at any time feel free to call them or anyone else in the church for assistance.

Reach Out/Send a Card

During these times of staying home how about we reach out to our senior citizens and those who live alone. Give them a call, send them a card, and let them know you are thinking of them.

Great Time For Right Now Media

Just another reminder that our church is subscribed to Right Now Media which gives our AMC family access to over 20,000 videos for adults, youth, and children. An email was sent out with your link to signup, login, & begin using all of this great “grow your faith” content.

Birthday This Week

Elizabeth Miller

Friday, April 17

Anniversary This Week

Cliff & Kathy Yoder

Friday, April 17



PRAYER LIST

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.” Colossians 4:2

Praying for our Church and Community

- Les Helmuth - Healing from surgery on finger last week (accident)
- Esther Yoder fell and broke her other hip. (now in Arthur Home).
- Extended family members of AMCs battling cancer/health
- Janice Thomas' daughter Jana (Ongoing health issues)
- Patsy Lane - Matt Lane's mother (Praise! Doing much better.)
- Norma Dolan - Nancy Kuhn's mother recently had a stroke.
- Pray for us to learn how to handle this new situation we are in.

Praying for our Nation and World

- Coronavirus outbreak around the world. Pray for a cure and calm.
- African plague of locusts that are destroying crops and farms.
- Those affected by recent tornadoes and economic concerns.
- AMC Supported missionaries around the world

ADMINISTRATION

Tithes & Offerings During This Time

Since we are not able to worship together during this time, the AMC Administration Commission has recommended several ways to give tithes and offerings.

1. You can mail them to the church mailbox at 710 E. Park St., Arthur, IL 61911
2. You can stop by and put your offering envelope/check in the treasurer's box here at church if you get out to get groceries.
3. You can give on the church website through Paypal, but a small percentage of that will go to Paypal and not to the church.

Please use offering envelopes if you have them so that your giving can be recorded. Thank you for supporting the church and AMC ministries through this difficult time.

Median Church Size

What would you guess is the median size of churches in the U.S.? According to the Everence Toolkit newsletter, the average church has 65 adults. 64% of churches have fewer than 100 regularly attending adults. Of course, right now very few are able to gather. Hopefully that changes soon.

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance

Worship No Onsite Service
Facebook Live at 10:30 am

Offering

Sunday, April 5 \$2,194
Des: Building Fund \$50

See Worship Section for ways to give during this time.

2020 Weekly Goal \$4,559
Budget Goal YTD -26%

Fellowship Meal - May 3

DuWayne & Karen M./Lonnie P.
Lynn M./ Jamison M./
Andy & Nancy P.

Sunday Arthur Home Service

All Cancelled at this time

REMINDERS

Nursery

Cancelled for this Time

Visitor This Week:

No visitors during this time

Fellowship Groups *(organizers for April)*

Pathfinders: Kevin & Lyndora M.

Legacy: Matt & Jacque L.

Homebuilders: Larry & Dory K.

Care 'n Share: Feb. - Apr.

Bertha Y., Phyllis K., Willis & Dee K.,
Lela R., Faye O.

Next Tues. Arthur Home Service

April 14 - Cancelled

OUTREACH

Help & Assistance

We want to be of help and assistance during this difficult time. If you are struggling due to job/income loss, let us know how we might be able to help as a church. Call the church office or let someone know your situation. The local Arthur Ministerial Association also has some aid funds available. Let's look out for each other as well during this challenging moment.

Mennonite Disaster Service Closes Projects

MDS Executive Director Kevin King sent out a message this week informing everyone that all current MDS projects in the U.S. and Canada have been closed during this time of COVID-19.

All scheduled summer projects and youth ventures were also cancelled. He thanked everyone who

helped to make these unexpected changes happen in the past couple of weeks. He said, "While this decision was difficult, it did take a lot of stress and anxiety off of volunteers who were wondering if they should plan to serve this summer or not." Keep MDS in your prayers as they navigate the rest of this years unknowns like everyone else.



Keeping Up



- Since school has been out Jackie Crabtree has been planning a daily P.E. time outside for her children. This provides good exercise and a break from their indoor school work. Great job to all the teachers, parents, and school kids who are trying to make the best of things.
- Michael & Brittney Yoder recently moved to a new place in the country. They now live 1 mile South of Hammond. Their new address is 1269 CR 2500 N. Hammond, IL 61929

Just For Fun



- I just can't get over the fact that I lost that fishing tournament! I'm still reeling.



YOUTH GROUP

HS YOUTH

April 15

Snapchat Group
Chat Video
Starts at 7pm



JRYOUTH

April 19

TBA
Starts at 3pm

JrYouth T-Shirts

The t-shirts are in for the youth and sponsors. The shirts have been placed in your box for pick-up at your convenience.

Action Bibles for 3-5 Graders

On the kids first Sunday back at church, we will have some fun related to the content of those Action Bibles. Parents, you are welcome to come pick their Bibles up for them down in the 3-5 grade classroom.

We ask that all parents of JrYouth & HSYouth please check your emails regularly for up-to-date information.

WORSHIP

Easter Message This Sunday: "Empty But Yet Filled"

We are planning a live stream of the Easter message this Sunday with a message from John 20 and Acts 2 titled "Empty But Yet Filled." We will also be posting Easter songs/videos on the AMC Facebook Page on Saturday since we will not be able to have live singing at the church due to current restrictions. Easter will be celebrated even if it will be different! Jesus is Risen Indeed!

"Nothing teaches us about the preciousness of the Creator as much as when we learn the emptiness of everything else." - Charles Spurgeon

"The closer you get to the truth, the clearer becomes the beauty, and the more you will find worship welling up within you." - N.T. Wright

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Today's Message: "Empty But Yet Filled"

Message: Glen Rhodes Scripture: Acts 2:22-24,32-34

Scripture Readings: Psalm 16:1-2,11; John 20:19-23

Order of Service

Opening Info & Prayer

Call To Worship

Scripture Reading

Message

Closing Prayer

Tune in on Facebook Live and Instagram Live at 10:30am to join us online for the Easter Message.

If you would like prayer, contact a ministry team member or contact the church.

Sermon Questions

For Thought & Discussion

- ◆ What kind of things do you lock up? Physically or Spiritually?
- ◆ What are some examples you can think of being empty yet filled?
- ◆ Who do you need to share this peace of Jesus with this week?
- ◆ **Take It Further:** As we go through this time of global pandemic think of ways to keep the promised peace of Jesus active and meaningful in your life.



Worship Notes

Snapshot of the Week



Cutting Torch 101

Virgil Gingerich was teaching Ashley Guenther how to use a cutting torch on steel this past week.